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Parent Consent Form

Purpose

We want to understand how children think about occupational roles, toy preferences, and subject preferences, and how these domains are evaluated through a gendered perspective. Any children between the *ages of 4 and 6* are welcome to participate.

Procedures

This study takes about 20 minutes to complete. If your child participates, they will be asked to play two sorting games. In one sorting game, your child will see pictures of doctors and nurses presented in the middle of the screen. They will be asked to sort the occupation and gender together according to provided rules. For example, your child may be asked to sort a picture of a doctor with a boy and a nurse with a girl, or vice versa. This game has been designed to be appropriate and fun for young children.

Participation

You and your child can choose whether to be in this study. If you and your child choose to participate, it is okay to stop **at any point** during the session. Please pause or stop the session if your child becomes very fussy or does not want to participate!

Data collection and Privacy

During the session, your child's response will be automatically recorded. Your personal information will be treated in compliance with applicable data protection laws. Research data collected at the website is associated with an anonymous user number and stored separately from email addresses and demographic information. Email addresses are never directly connected to any of the research data, ensuring individual data privacy.

Payment and Compensation

Parents will receive \$10 dollar Amazon gift card for their child's participation in the study. There are no costs to participating. There are also **no** known risks associated with this study beyond those of everyday life. Although this study will not benefit your child directly, it will add to our understanding of how children think in general.

Rights of research subjects

Please contact the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at the University of Detroit Mercy if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints that have not been or cannot be addressed by the researcher or want to report research-related harm. They can be reached at 313-494-6656, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221-3038, Email: hillelm@udmercy.edu

Researcher contact information

If you or your child have any questions or concerns about this study, please contact the lead investigator Miao Qian at qianmi@udmercy.edu or the lead undergraduate researcher Najat Assaad at assaadnh@udmercy.edu.